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## THREE INDICTED ON CHARGES OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND USE OF A FIREARM TO COMMIT MURDER

BALTIMORE - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that a federal grand jury has indicted James Moore, a/k/a "Duffy", "Fat James", age 40, of Andrews, South Carolina; Porsha Lashawn Harper, age 37, of Greensboro, North Carolina; and Walter Babbs a/k/a "B", "Brian", "WB", age 33, of Greensboro, North Carolina, for crimes arising from their participation in a drug trafficking conspiracy and use of a firearm to commit murder in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The investigation began on November 6, 2003 when the bodies of Alexandria Angeline Withers and Willie Anthony Robinson, a/k/a "RD", "Roundhead", "Tony" were found in the trunk of a northbound vehicle after it was stopped for a traffic violation in Cecil County, Maryland by the Maryland State Police. Over \$100,000 was also found in the car, a 2000 Dodge Intrepid registered in New York. The five-count superseding indictment unsealed today charges that from about September 2002 to August 11, 2004 the defendants conspired to: distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine and cocaine base, commonly called "crack cocaine;" use firearms in relation to a drug trafficking crime; and launder money in relation to a drug trafficking offense. The

indictment also charges that on November 5, 2000 the defendants used a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The three defendants each face a maximum sentence of life in prison under count one, charging them with conspiracy to distribute and possess cocaine; 20 years under count two for conspiracy to use firearms during a drug trafficking crime; 20 years under count 3 for money laundering; and life in prison under count 4 for use of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. The three defendants are each also eligible for the death penalty under count 5, which charges them with use of a firearm to commit murder in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an investigation by the Maryland State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John F. Purcell and Jonathan Mastrangelo.